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SUBJECT: FRENCH VETO EC COMMISSION YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT
PROPOSALS

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1. THE LOCAL PRESS HAS PICKED UP SOME ASPECTS OF THE
DISPUTE BETWEEN FRANCE AND ITS EC PARTNERS OVER THE
COMMISSION'S YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT PROPOSALS (REFTEL).
CURIOUSLY ENOUGH, HOWEVER, NO ONE HAS YET FOCUSED ON
THE FACT THAT FRANCE'S DELIBERATE REJECTION OF PUBLIC
SECTOR EMPLOYMENT AS A WEAPON AGAINST YOUTH UNEMPLOY-
MENT (SEEN AS NOT ONLY TOO COSTLY BUT ALMOST CERTAIN
TO RESULT IN DEMANDS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PERMANENT
CIVIL SERVICE) WAS A DISTINGUISHING FEATURE OF LAST
YEAR'S NATIONAL PACT FOR EMPLOYMENT (SEE PARIS A-67 OF
MARCH 10), AND HAS BEEN CARRIED OVER INTO THIS YEAR'S
MODIFIED SECOND PACT, WHICH IS JUST NOW BEING PASSED
INTO LAW. DURING THE PERIOD LEADING UP TO THE MARCH
NATIONAL ELECTIONS, THE WISDOM OF THIS POLICY HAD BEEN
SHARPLY CRITICIZED BY THE OPPOSITION, WHICH HAD URGED A
LARGE PUBLIC SECTOR JOB PROGRAM.

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2. WE FIND IT SOMEWHAT STRANGE THAT THE EC COMMISSION
AND THE OTHER MEMBER STATES SHOULD EITHER HAVE BEEN
IGNORANT OF THIS UNUSUAL AND IMPORTANT ASPECT OF FRENCH
LABOR MARKET POLICY, OR TO HAVE IGNORED IT IN FRAMING
AND CONSIDERING THE PROPOSALS. WE ASSUME THE FRENCH
FIND IT STRANGER STILL.

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